to Unstarred Question 1106 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the bills for the period from August to December, 1987 which were proposed to be sent within a period of one month, i.e. upto 8th April, 1988 have not so far been despatched to the residents of Vasant Vihar C.P.W.D. Complex Colony, New Delhi; if so, what are the detailed reasons for inordinate delay; and

(b) by when the bills are likely to be despatched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) According to Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, the process of creation of master data for computerisation of electricity bills of R.K. Puram District took more time than expected and led to delay in despatch of electricity bills to the consumers of the colony referred to in the question. The bills have since been despatched by DESU on 27th April, 1988.

Anti-Social activities in Dobari Colliery

1279. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that anti-social elements are active in the newly built quarters of Dobari Colliery under BCCL and the workers have fled from the quarter;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the workers had demanded posting of Central Security Force to protect the quarters and properties of the BCCL;

(c) whether connivance of local officers with the anti-social elements has been proved; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) and (b) During the Six day strike in the coal industry in March, 1988, some anti-social elements entered the quarters in Dobari Colliery in BCCL in the night of 17.3.1988 to terrorise and prevent loyal workers from attending duties. They assaulted some of the workers and injured 4 persons. A police case has been instituted in this connection at the local Police Station. It is not a fact that workers fled away and abandoned their quarters. They did demand for police protection and it was arranged by introducing night patrolling by C.I.S.F.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Acquiring of land for Mukunda Project

1280. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the area of land to be acquired in Mukunda Project under BCCL, in Dhanbad, indicating the break up between coal bearing and non-coal bearing areas;

(b) the area of good paddy land to be acquired in the non-coal bearing area; and

(c) what is the justification for acquiring non-coal bearing paddy land for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) In all, 4739 hectares of land is to be acquired for Mukunda Project, consisting of 1585 hectares of coal bear-

ing land and 3154 hectares of non-coal bearing land.

(b) The non-coal bearing lands include 923 hectares of agricultural land: part of which is paddy land yielding only one crop in a year.

(c) Paddy land is generally located in small enclaves, surrounded on all its sides by non-paddy lands being acquired for the project. Its geographical location, therefore, makes it difficult to exclude paddy land from acquisition. Besides, non-coal bearing agricultural land, including paddy land, is required for activities like workshop, stores, washeries, CHP, explosive dumps, magazine, railway line etc.

Waiting list for telephone, connections in Chenganoor, Kerala

1281. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons on the waiting list category-wise for telephone connections in Chenganoor in Kerala State;

(b) whether Government have any plan to provide telephone connections to the applicants during this year; and

(c) what is the present status of the Electronic Exchange proposed for Chenganoor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The number of persons on the waiting list, category-wise, for telephone connections in Chenganoor in Kerala State is as under as on 1-4-88.

OYT	NON-OYT		Total
	SPL	GENL.	
69	43	385	497

(b) Yes, Sir, there is a proposal to expand the existing capacity by 100 lines (700 to 800 lines) during the current year (1988-89). This will be further expanded by 500 lines (800—1300 lines) during 1989-90.

(c) An Electronic Exchange of 2000 lines capacity has been allotted for 1991-92 for Chenganoor.

Complaint about depillaring operation in Modern Satgram Colliery

1282. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that villagers of village Nimcha under P.S. Raniganj, Asansol have lodged a complaint with the General Manager, ECL, Satgram Area, P.O. Devchandnagar, Distt. Bardhaman in January, 1988 about depillaring operation in Modern Satgram Colliery as a result of which cultivated land is getting damaged; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by ECL in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) The residents of village Nimcha Police Station, Raniganj, Asansol had lodged a complaint with the General Manager, Eastern Coalfields Limited Satgram area in January, 1988 about the depillaring operations in Modern Satgram Colliery. About 22.33 acres of land has been affected by the depillaring operations in the area.

(b) ECL has offered payment of crop compensation to the affected villagers at the existing rate of Rs. 275 per year per Bigha for 5 years in addition to levelling charges of the land. The villagers have not accepted the crop compensation offered by the company and want compensa-